

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2008
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Nesbitt presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Bob Snyder, Kevin Hanley, J. M. Holmes, Bridget Powers, Keith Nesbitt

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Sanchez, 3675 Larkin Lane, Auburn, stated that he and his wife have started an organization called SARSAS (Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead). He said his presentation was to provide information to the Council. He said at this time he was asking only for Council time and verbal support. He said he would return in the future to ask for additional help. He advised that the goal of SARSAS is to return salmon and steelhead to the entire course of the Auburn Ravine. He provided hand-outs to the Council detailing the organization and its objectives which he read aloud.

Mayor Nesbitt asked about the real probability of salmon or steelhead traveling that distance. Mr. Sanchez advised that both fishes are in the Auburn Ravine and they have been documented up to the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) dam above Gold Hill. He said if passage can be provided around the barriers, it is "almost a hundred percent certain that they will go to Wise Power House."

Council Member Hanley asked if modification of the dams and gauging stations meant fish ladders. Mr. Sanchez advised that the fish ladders would be one type of a modification but that there are countless other ways of providing passages. Council Member Hanley also questioned the request for the Council to contact NID to secure additional water from Drum-Spaulding waterway. He asked if the

request would entail competing needs between fish and humans. Mr. Sanchez responded that providing a fish passage would not compete with the agricultural or commercial use of the water.

Council Member Holmes asked about crucial times of the year regarding water supply. Council Member Snyder asked for clarification on agency jurisdictions over the Auburn Ravine. Mr. Sanchez explained that several jurisdictions are involved, Nevada Irrigation District (NID), Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), and South Sutter Water District.

CLOSED SESSION

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code section 54957. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk